Proposal of Andhra Pradesh to Develop Command area of Nagarjuna Sagar

1751. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any proposals from Andhra Pradesh to develop Command area of Nagarjuna Sagar to supply water to tail ends and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Nagarjuna Sagar Project was included under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Command Area Development Programme in 1974-75.

(b) Culturable Command Area of Nagarjuna Sagar Project is 895 thousand hectare. Irrigation Potential created upto March, 1993 is 804 thousand hectares. By the end of March, 1993 an area of 385,76 thousand hectares has been covered under field channels, 207.49 thousand hectares under land levelling and 240.77 thousand hectares under warabandi. Total expenditure of Rs. 216.072 crores (Central assistance Rs. 48.65 crores and State Sector expenditure Rs. 167.422 crores) has been incurred till March, 1993.

Issue of Gujarat Development Bonds for Sardar Sarovar Project

1752. SHRI VITHAL BHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government has approved the 'Gujarat Development Bonds' Scheme submitted by Government of Gujarat in November, 1992 to issue the same to NRIs;

(b) whether Government deems the Sardar Sarovar Project as a National Project; and

(c) the time period during which such bonds will be allowed to be issued particularly in view of Government's commitment to the early completion of the Sardar Sarovar Project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) (a) No decision has been taken by the Central Government regarding issue of 'Gujarat Development Bonds'.

(b) Although Sardar Sarovar Project is of national importance, no project has been declared as 'National Project'.

(c) Does not arise.

Delay in Payment of Share Cost of Sardar Sarovar Project

1753. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government is aware that there are arrears in payment of share cost of Sardar Sarovar Project by the participating States Viz. Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan;

(b) the share of each of the three States;

(c) whether delay in payment or arrears by these three participating States is causing additional burden on the State of Gujarat ;

(d) what is the reasons of the in-ordinate delay in recovering dues from States referred to above ; and

(e) whether the Central Government propose to take suitable steps in this regard to ensure implementation of the Sardar Sarovar Project as per schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE

IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are as under :

(Rs. in crores)

Beneficiary State	Share due up-to 12/93	Share received upto 12/93	Balance due upto 12/93	Disputed share	Undisputed share due upto 12/93
Madhya Pradesh . . .	506.30	289.51	216.79	43.06	173.73
Maharashtra	239.83	194.14	45.69	20.40	25.29
Rajasthan	123.34	5.50	117.84	8.81	109.03
Total: .	869.47	489.15	380.32	72.27	308.05

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The reasons for the inordinate delay in recovering dues from the States are lack of adequate badgetary resources in the resepective State Plans and linking of the dues in respect of Sardar Sarovar Project with outstanding claims relating to other projects.

(e) The issues regarding payment of share costs on Sardar Sarovar Project to the Government of Gujarat by other party States has been discussed in the meetings of Narmada Control Authority and Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee and the States have been appraised of the need for immediate settlement of outstanding dues to the Government of Gujarat. The issue was also considered by the Review Committee for Narmada Control Authority where the States with dues agreed to decide the issue through bilateral meetings with Gujarat. The States were also requested to finalise the requirement of funds for the remaining period of 8th Plan to suit the construction programme of the project for 1994-95 in the first instance.

Release of Water from Farakka Barrage and Ganges for West Bengal

1754. SHRI ASHOK MITRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the average quantity of water released for West Bengal from the Farakka Barrage each year since 1972-73 during the dry and the wet seasons ;

(b) the average quantity of water drawn from the Ganga each year over the same period by the Upper riparian States for purposes of irrigation and power generation ; and

(c) whether in view of the rising siltage affecting the port of Calcutta and increasing dearth of irrigation water in the lower West Bengal districts, institutional arrangements are being considered to determine a fair allocation of water among the Gangetic States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) After commissioning of the Farakka Barrage in 1975, the quantity of water released annually to West Bengal on average are 9.47 million acre feet and 11.93 million acre feet during the dry and wet seasons respectively. The withdrawals by upper riparian Ganga states are 22.68 million acre feet and 279.42 million acre feet for the same periods.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Construction of SYL Canal in Punjab

1755. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government has directed the Punjab Government to start the construction of SYL Canal in its territory ;